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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, SF

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME (IDS)

REF: STATE 196773

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, WE CONTACTED SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION REGARDING THEIR NOTIFICATION OF IDS TO GATT. SOUTH AFRICAN REP (LOWRY) SAID THAT LETTER OF NOTIFICATION SENT TO GATT LAST WEEK. NOTIFICATION, WHICH IS ALONG LINES OF GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEASURE, MAKES NO REFERENCE TO ARTICLE XII. WE STRESSED THAT US BELIEVES NOTIFICATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER ARTICLE XII AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD AGREE TO A GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE REVIEW. WE NOTED THAT THE IDS HAS A TRADE RESTRICTIVE EFFECT AND THAT IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE BOP COMMITTEE AND ENHANCE GATT'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH MEASURES WHICH IMPACT ON TRADE, WE BELIEVE REVIEW OF THE IDS SHOULD BE IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOP COMMITTEE. LOWRY REPLIED THAT SAG FEELS IT SHOULD

BE TREATED IN THE SAME WAY AS NEW ZEALAND AND THAT  
ARTICLE XII ONLY APPLIES TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS  
AND NOT IDS.

2. LOWRY ALSO SAID THAT LIKE NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA  
WOULD PROBABLY RAISE THE MATTER OF THE IDS UNDER OTHER  
BUSINESS AT THE NEXT GATT COUNCIL MEETING. CATTO

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